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CLEVER WOMAN BEHIND THE BARS

Startling Story of Attempt to Beat Insurance, Railroad and Financial Companies.

HOW BOXCAR WAS- FIRED.

Shipped Goods to Goldfield to Mythical Parties and Undertook to Collect Damages.

Clever Work by Detective Joe Jones And Sergeant Roberts Uncartins a Unique and Nervy Crime,

According to the officers in charge of the case Gussle Wallace, who now occupies a cell in the city jail, is respossible for a very clever piece of work in setting fire to a box car of the Oregon Short Line on the night of Thursday, Jan. 17. Behind the act is a story of attempts to beat the insurance companies. One case alleged is that of a mysterious fire which occurred at 47 east First South at 12:02 on the morning of December 18, the other is the box car incident. Whether or not morning of the box car incident. Whether or not the box car incident. Whether or not the first case can be established is a matter of doubt. In the second case, however, there is food for thought for the members of the legislature now in session. The law covering arson mentions buildings, residences stores and vesselr, but does not include box cars. Consequently the crime of setting fire to a box car, however valuable its contents may be, is not a penitentiary offense. As there are so many vessels plying on the Jordan and Weber rivers and so few box cars on the Utah railroads, possibly the existing law which has been taken advantage of by the enterprising woman and presumably her husband Abraham Wallace who also is in jail, will be remedied.

"VALUABLE WORKS OF ART."

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This interesting couple appeared in Salt Lake early in December. They went by the name of Wallace, but certainly both are of distinct Hebrew extraction. In fact on her flight from Salt Lake she went by the name of Cohen. They rented the store at 47 cast First South and promptly insituted one of those auction sales, which are e of those auction sales, which are out to bob up before Christmas the untry over. Their specialty was "val-uble works of art" in gaudy glit

for the blaze really got started; then, we the location was too near fire department headquarters to permit of a real conflagration. The works of art insured with some of Eli Pierce's comanies for \$3,000, and valued at \$8,000, rere saved. The affair looked "fishy." but adjust-ment was negotiated for \$1,036, not yet

A BRILLIANT SCHEME.

allows of the Wallaces, Cohens, or what the Wallaces, Cohens, or what the their names are, got really active. They, or perhaps the woman, conceived the brilliant idea of packing this valu-tile collection in a box car, consigning it to fetitious parties at Goldfield, Nev. arranging matters so that it would burn a few hours after departure and then collect both insurance and dam-ters from the railroad company. Of course in order to secure a car it

s first necessary to advance the reight charges, or else get some bank o guarantee them on delivery. This was easily accomplished and the commercial National bank of this city Johnstonal Bank of this cap look charge of the transaction, having first secured the bill of lading which tailed for \$4,500 worth of freight which the authorities now say would be dear

WOMAN SUPERINTENDED.

The goods were duly loaded on the far at the team track of the Oregon Short Line on South Temple street, Mrs. Wallace, Cohen, et al, superintending. The authorities say that her husband was there also, but this he strennously denies, claiming to have been at Muray at the time.

In the meantime the woman went to Z. C. M. I. and bought from Clerk Beatte a bill of groceries, including 15 sallons of gasoline, which was emptied into a big barrel. A lighted candle in 4 box, it is claimed, was placed in the

bito a big barrel. A lighted candle in a box, it is claimed, was placed in the far, together with the gasoline and recordes, and the door locked with a pallock supplied by Mrss Wallace.

The fire trap being duly sat the ear was hauled out to the north vards and started on its way to Goldfield. In the north yards the fire was discovered as the gasoline exploded and the train crew put out the flames before they had done more than \$80 damage to the car.

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It was then that Detective Joe long of the railroad company got bas. He found that Mrs. Wallace had bought a ticket to San Francisco in the name of Cohen and had presumably left for that place. The wires were worked and it transpired that the woman had left the train at Hazen, Nev., where she was arrested Sergt. Roberts of the police force left Sait Lake and returned with the woman, in fact it is greatly due to the good work of this officer that the crime was discovered. He returned pesterday with his prisoner, in the meantime having picked up Wallace who was arrested at his home on State and Sixth South on Tuesday.

ALLEGED CONFESSION.

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As soon as the woman arrived in salt Lake City Atty. Soren X. Christensen, who had been retained to defead her, made an effort to get his sent to keep her mouth closed. A sady war followed between counsel as Mr. Jones terminating with Jones as manphantly carrying off the woman take office where she made the following statement, so it is claimed, to a senegrapher.

I will state that I am solely responsing to the burning of the car that the pictures were loaded in; that affice for the burning of the car was loaded. I put two padicts on the car which I had bought for the purpose. After the car was loaded, and I also purchased it gallons of gaseless of the string damages out of the side car consisting of coffee, soap, the car consisting of coffee, soap, as the car consisting of coffee, soap, as placed in a box and surrounded by as other five, and other groceries.

"Just before locking the car I stood in the car, and got a piece of paper, struck a match, lit the paper, and threw the paper inside the car, and then locked said door of the car that I had stood in.

"LIT THE PAPER."

"I had previously locked one door be-for I lit the paper, and threw it into the car to burn up the contents. My reason for this was to get claim for damages. I then went and had said car billed out, consigned to the order of billed out, consigned to the order of Miss Gussie Wallace, notify Max Cohen, Goldfield, Nev. "This was a car load of pictures

Goldfield, Nev.

"This was a car load of pictures and frames, released at \$50 per package, shippers load and count, charges guaranteed. I state further that there is no such man, that I know of in Goldfield, as Max Cohen. The reason that I made the billing this way was if the car burned up the railroad company would pay for the said car and contents. I am solely responsible for the burning and the damages done to said car. Nobody assisted me, not even my husband, and I can assure you that I am very sorry that I done this deed, and I am willing to release the railroad company of any damage to the contents of this car, and any and all the blame in connection with the matter in any way, shape or form, and if I am able, I am willing to pay any and all damage to the car that was damaged by me.

"The reason I bought the ticket to San Francisco was because I could get it cheaper. My intentions were to get off at Hazen, and to go to Goldfield. I signed Mrs, Cohen's name to that ticket. On the face of the ticket it was signed by the conductor and I put my cross there. I make this statement to you freely and voluntarily."

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Considerable craftiness was displayed throughout the entire attempt to beat the insurance companies, the railroad and the bank. At Z. C. M. I. Mr. Beatty was induced to make the billing of the gasoline and groceries to the Goldfield Variety Store, which is a mythical establishment, as is the individual to whom the goods were consigned.

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The woman, after making the alleged The woman, after making the alleged statement, it is claimed, refused to sign the papers unless she were promised that her husband would be released. This was refused and the alleged confession cannot be used against her in the forthcoming trial.

MAUD BALLINGTON BOOTH.

Noted Prison Worker Will Lecture in Salt Lake Next Tuesday Evening.

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Maud Ballington Booth, noted both for her work as a prison reformer and for her connection with the Volunteers of America, an organization of which her husband, Ballington Booth, is commander, will lecture in this city Tuesday evening next. Mrs. Booth comes as an added number to the Mutual Improvement Lecture course, but season tickets will admit holders as to the regularly scheduled lectures. Mrs. Booth is not lecturing for revenue, but to get a hearing for her two Hope halls which are homes for paroled and discharged prisoners. The entire proceeds of her lectures going to these institutions.

The subject of the lecture will be "Prison Reform"—A Heart Story." And it will be delivered in Barratt hall at \$0'clock, p. m. Mrs. Booth is one of the best known women in public work, as she combines with her power of doing things spiendid ability as a speaker, which makes her talks interesting as well as instructive. The number is the sixth in the M. I. A. winter course, and it leaves two more to be given in February and March.

FOR THE OLD FOLKS.

Harms, the state chemist, of the presence in large and dangerous quantities, of copper in oysters shipped to this city from eastern New Jersey. The discovery was occasioned by the suddenly to ecity health officer, was called in suddenly to attend them after the family had eaten apparently health fit it might be pionnaine poisoning, but the symptoms pointed toward some form of metallic poisoning, and the physician didn't know but that some metallic sail had been used as a preservative. So he gathered up the bivalves that were left and sent the bivalves that the subject of the left and sent the bivalves that a subject of the left and sent the bivalves that the subject of the left and sent the bivalves that the subject of the left and sent the bivalves that a subj

Free Entertainment Will be Given Them at Grand Theater, Tuesday.

On Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 29, the aged people, widows and orphans of Salt Lake will be the guests of Manager A. M. Cox of the Grand theater, that gentleman having tendered to the Old Folks committee a free entertainment on that occasion. Mr. Theodore Lorch, the popular young Russian actor, and his capable company will present that afternoon the "Sign of the Four," which is one of the best of the Sherlack Holmes, plays, Tickers, will.

Four," which is one of the best of the Sherlock Holmes plays. Tickets will be given out to those entitled to them at Mr. C. R. Savage's art bazar, beginning Monday. The tickets will be provided to those first calling for them, until the supply is exhausted.

The management of the Utah Light and Railway company will give free transportation to and from the Grand to all persons over the age of 70 years wearing one of the red, blue or white badges that usually adorns the veterans on such occasions.

STORK IS RESTING.

Snow and Wind Prevent Domestic Bird From Visiting Many Homes.

The cold weather made traveling difficulty for the stork bird this week. Salt Lake's birth rate falling to 28 of which 13 were boys and 15 girls. The deaths totalled 26, 15 being males and 11 fe-

males.

There were reported 13 cases of contagious diseases, consisting of two cases of scarlet fever; two cases of epidemic cerebro spinal meningitis, seven cases of chickenpox; one case of munps and one case of cerebro spinal meningitis.

Six cases of scarlet fever and one case of diphtheria remain in quarantine at the end of the week.

TWO MEN ARRESTED.

Police Believe They Have a Couple of Desperate Crooks.

In the arrest of Eugene Murphy and Tom Adams, the police believe they have in custody two desperate and clever crooks. They were arrested by Officer Bert Seager, who had been watching the

men for several hours.

Last night Seager saw the men enter a Commercial street saloon and after waiting for some time he followed them in. He found the pair in a wrangle over something and heard Adams say to Murphy!

something and heard Adams say to Murphy;
"You d—, the next time I send you our on a job you want to be more careful and do the thing right."
Seager bung about the place and finally arrested the men on the charge of vagrancy.

This morning the men made conflicting statements to Judge Dichl. Adams was saked what he meant by telling his pai to do a better job next time, and his explanation was to the effect that he had sent Murphy out for a sack of tobacco and that he had purchased the wrong kind. Both were found guilty of vagrancy and Judge Diehl will impose sentence on Monday afternoon. In the meantime the police are looking into the records of the two men.

THE OHIO SUBSIDING.

put in another box. After the car was loaded I placed two padlocks on the car which I had bought for that pur-

Burrows The Stumbling Block In Smoot Case. Evades the Issue of Fixing a Date Upon Which a Vote Can be Taken-Indefinite, Indecisive and Uncertain-Senat r Smoot Ready for the Test at Any

Time and Is Confident of Victory,

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.-Senator Burrows will accompany the remains of Gen. Alger to Michigan. He has prom-Michigan senator may or may not keep his promise. He has broken at least two similar promises. The latest was yesterday. He had been asked by friends of Senator Smoot to fix a date not later than Feb. 10 and preferably Feb. 5, and to ask the senate to ratify his choice. He was going to ask the senste to vote Feb. 15, but that was yesterday and he failed to do anything

ATE OYSTERS AND

BECAME VERY ILL

Developed Symptoms of

Poisoning.

WHAT SHELL FISH LIVED ON.

City Chemist Discovered That They

Came From the Mouth of a River

Carrying Chemical Works.

A sensation has developed in the local

oyster market, in the discovery by

Dr. Harms, the state chemist, of the

now how did that copper get into the ysters? The chemist was satisfied it

had not been put there as a preserva-tive, for salts of copper are only used for coloring—such as coloring peas. So he inquired where the oysters came from,

and ascertained they were from east Jersey. Then he found that the Perth Amboy Chemical works has for a long

Amboy Chemical works has for a long time been emptying its waste solutions into the Rahway river, the mouth of which has been noted for the fine, fat oysters grown there. So it was apparent that the copper solutions run to waste had been taken up by these oysters which were harvested and sent out, without the shippers knowing about their poisonous condition.

If that is the explanation of the sickness in this city, it evident that similar instances of illness must be occurring in other parts of the country where these oysters are sent, so it will be well for Salt Lake people, in purchasing to make sure where their oysters come from.

BEFORE JUDGE DIEHL.

In Judge Diehl's court this morning C

H. Shaffer, charged with obtaining money

J. F. Kyle and Charles Ratten amused themselves in a rooming ouse by uring off a revolver. A bullet narrowly missed some people in an adjoining room and the men were arrested on the charge of disturbing the peace. They made a lame excuse and explained that the firing was purely accidental. They were fined \$20 each.

COMPANIES INCORPORATE.

Articles of incorporation of the Portland Coffee House company of this city were filed with the county clerk today. Its capital stock is \$5,000, divided into shares of the par value of \$1 each. Daniel McQueen is president; Albert Richardson, vice president; John McQueen, secretary and treasurer. The company will operate coffee houses and restaurants throughout the city and state.

The Abraham Irrigation company of this city filed its articles of incorporation with the county cierk today. The capital stock of the company is \$500,000, divided into shares of the par value of \$40 cach. D. M. Landreth is president; J. A. Melville, vice president; W. D. Livingstone, secretary: T. H. Fitzgerald, treasurer. The company owns the Gunnison Bend reservoir and the Abraham Canal system adjacent to the Sevier river.

BACK TO INDIANA.

Thomas M. Larmore, state agent of the Indiana state prison of Michigan City, Ind., stopped off in this city last night with a prisoner named Edward Sheridan, who is wanted there for escaping from prison. The officer lodged the prisoner in the county jail over night and proceeded on the journey east this morning. Sheridan escaped from prison and went to Oregon where he was convicted of another offense and sent to the state prison at Salem, Or., for a term of seven years. He was purdoned from that institution so that the Indiana authorities might take him back there for trial on the charge of breaking from prison.

Mr. Lawrence complimented Sheriff Emery and Jailer Burbidge very highly on the condition in which they kept the Sali Lake county jail. He said that it is the neatest and best kept jail he had ever visited in all his travels throughout the United States.

Shaler, Charged with obtaining the false pretenses, entered a plea of not lity and will have a preliminary hearr on Tuesday. He was taken to the county of bonds and was taken to the county of the false will be safe keeping.

F. Kyle and Charles Ratten amused to be a complete out to a propose the property of the country of the countr

spokesmen, has or have done a great deal of talking through the newspapers about the senator's intention to force a vote. The fact is the chairman of the committee on elections is the only the senate to fix Feb. 15 as the date for stumbling block in the way of a vote. taking a vote on the Smoot case. The | He does not appear to desire that the senate shall have a chance to express itself upon the subject of Senator Smoot's right to his seat. He has certainly refrained from or has refused to take the one step necessary. He can, if he so desires, "force a vote" as easily as a sharp knife can be forced through warm butter. As chairman of the committee he has only to ask that a date be fixed for a vote. Senators Foraker. Dillingham, Hopkins, Sutherland, nor

HEARTLESS CAD

ployed by Rocky Mountain

Bell Co. Arrested.

While Child is Dying of Pneumonia He

Marries a Chambermaid and

Spends Her Money.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, Jan. 26 .- Hyrum Mosher

was arrested in Brigham City at 1

o'clock this morning by Sheriff Josephson on the charge of bigamy.

HORSES RAN AWAY.

die, although three are seriously injured.
The coach was upon the Shoshoni-Thermopolis line. Going down the mountain side the horses became unmanageable and went at break-neck speed down the narrow road until the coach was overturned.

BERI BERI AT CHEYENNE.

First Case of Kind in United States

Being Treated in U. P. Hospital.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 26.—The first case of the rare oriental disease of beri beri known in the west is now being treated at the Union Pacific hospital here. M. Matuoki, a Japanese section hand op the Union Pacific, is the victim. Other Japanese with whom Matuoki was closely associated are being closely watched. Physicians from Denver, Salt Lake City and other western cities are watching the progress of the beri beri with interest.

The entire edition of the Christ-

mas News was sold out the first

week after issuance, and many people in the city and country

desiring copies to send away, were

unable to have their applications

filled. The "News" has since obtained a limited number of cop- 2

les, in both magazine and regu-ler form by buying them back from out of town dealers. People who new desire copies of the

Christmas News can secure them on application, at 15c regular 3 style, or 25c magazine form. Domestic postage free; foreign, 17c

COPIES ON HAND.

CHRISTMAS NEWS

Wyc. Jan. 26.—Ten passen-red Thursday on the moun-th of this town when the trached to the stage coach in the mountain s.de. turned

Senator Burrows, or some of his | any other senator known to favor the retention of his seat by Senator Smoot, will interpose the slightest objection. Burrows knows this as well as any one and the Michigan senator exhibits childishness when he attempts to make

the public believe that he is powerless. Senator Smoot's friends are determined that the curtain shall be rung down on this farce. Upon the return of Senator Burrows the senate will be asked to definitely fix a time for a vote. If Burrows will not do so, some one on the opposing side will offer the motion, Senator Smoot has been willing to submit his case to his colleagues any time since the close of Senator Sutherland's speech. He has no fear as to

SUGGESTS RATE IS **now** in Jail **CUT TO SALT LAKE**

Family Partook of Bivalves and Hyrum Mosher, a Lineman Em- | Prouty Believes Twenty Per Cent Reduction From Omaha Solution to Freight Problem.

NOW CHARGED WITH BIGAMY. SPEAKS UP FOR THIS CITY.

Commissioner Asks Railroads to Get Together and Adjust the Western Tariffs.

a 20 per cent reduction in freight rates between Omaha and Salt Lake via Denver as a solution to western freight o'clock this morning by Sheriff Josephson on the charge of bigamy. The arrest was made at the request of the Ogden police. Mosher was brought here this morning and made a full confession of his guilt. He also acknowledged a letter which was shown to him from his wife in Cleveland, Ohio.

The letter is a very pitiful one and tells if Mosher's desertion of his wife and two little babes, the older being but 3½ years. The infant is very ill with aneumonia and at the time the letter was written was at death's door. Although Mosher has been earning good wages as a lineman for the Hecky Mountain Bell company in this city, he has never sent his family acent since reaching Ogden several months ago. The family is in destitute circumstances.

Since his arrival in Ogden he has been stopping at the Lincoln hotel, where Rose Smith was employed as chambermaid. He learned that the young woman had about \$1,000 in cash and immediately began courtship. They were married Thursday evening, Jan. 24, in this city by District Judge Howell. Mosher had his latest wife draw her money, \$925, which she had received from her father's estate. This money was deposited in a national bank of this city. She turned the entire amount problems. He made several remarks just before the Denver hearing last week, which under careful thought indicate that the interstate commerce commission believes a readjustment of freight rates can and should be made by western railroads. While the country which would get the benefit of such a readjustment comprises the vast territory west of the Mississippi, Salt Lake, Denver, Butte and Spokane are the principal points involved. Com-missioner Prouty made no pretense of hiding his belief that certain western points, are being discriptionated against, but is undoubtedly anxious to see both the railroads and the public treated fairly. The plan of relief as suggested by the commissioner is brief and easily understood. Spokane and Butte; Butte and Salt Lake; and Salt Lake and Denver are competitive points—this is therefore are competitive points—this is therefore. and Salt Lake; and Salt Lake and Denver are competitive points—this is thoroughly understood by Mr. Prouty, and his suggestion carries weight because of his knowledge of freight affairs throughout the country and especially of western conditions. Montana common points get a special rate because they are in competition with Salt Lake, As a result they can reach into Spo-kane's territory and this was one of the reasons for the sult brought by the lat-ter. Salt Lake gets a fairly reasonable was deposited in a this city. She turned the entire amount over to Mosher together with her gold watch and chain. They were to have started yesterday on their honeymoon. Mosher had forgotten to pay his board bill at the hotel also a cigar bill of \$14 at Goddard's cigar store. These creditions learned of his intention to leave the police of the city of rate because this city must meet coast competition. Reductions which went into effect Nov. 24 placed Montana and Utah common points on an equal foot ing. Denver is to the east and off the main line and contends that she is being discriminated against. Denver is to the east and off the

bill at the hotel also a cigar bill of \$14 at Goddard's cigar store. These creditors learned of his intention to leave the city and notified Police Sergeant Tout, who found Mosher at Browning Bros.' gun store where he had just purchased a pistol and cartridges. The sergeant insisted that he pay these bills, which he did then and there with the girl's money. The sergeant then permitted him to return to the hotel, but Tout laid in wait for Mosher's young wife. The officer learned that Mosher was spending her money. Tout then went to the hotel, where he met Mosher again, and demanded the money, also the gun. Mosher returned \$220, having spent in less than two hours' time \$105.

The money was returned to the girl, PROTECTS SALT LAKE. In making a reduction on rates for any western territory, the railroads have had to consider these big gateways. Only such reductions as a good with no harm can be made. missioner Prouty suggests that kane's rates from the river centers could be reduced, enabling that city to compete with Montana common points. A reduction in Butte rates would relieve the competition between Montana common points and Salt Lake, and this city could get a reduction advantage-ously. Denver and Colorado common points would be benefited by a reduction of Salt Lake rates. Denver will not be made a basic point, as asked by the chamber of commerce of that city, but it expects confidently to get a rate lowering. The railroads are willing to work out Commissioner Prouty's plan if the Union Pacific will join forces with them. That Commissioner Prouty has the situation well in hand and the welfare of Salt Loke at heart is shown clearly by his statement in which he said Denver was asking too much in requesting that she be made a terminal lieve the competition between Montana The money was returned to the girl, and she deposited \$700 in the bank. It was later in the afternoon that the police learned that Mosher had a wife and family living in Ohlo, hence his arrest said Denver was asking too much in requesting that she be made a terminal basic point. If this was granted, he explained, Denver business could be brought to Sait Lake's doors, and this city would be squeezed between the competition of Denver on the east and that of San Francisco on the west.

SUGGEST'S REDUCTION.

His main suggestion, however, shows his belief that a 20 per cent reduction on freight brought from Omaha to Sait Lake via Denver would place Denver and Sait Lake on the same basis. The Rio Grande, through Fred Wild, Tr., general freight agent, asserted that it gets in the neighborhood of 80 per cent of the freight business to Sait Lake from Omaha. This and other roads appear willing to confer with the Union Pacific and adjust rates so all important cities will get a fair deal. Commissioner Prouty says he hopes the railroads will have reached a satisfactory agreement before the commission meets next June. His main suggestion, however, shows

UTAH DIVISION DONE. Western Pacific Tracks Now Past Nevada State Line.

With a run of clear weather the Utah end of the Western Pacific will be pleted in a short time, as 100 to f track is now laid and the ros about ready for operation to the Nevada line. Four shovels are carrying the grade ahead towards Silver Zone pass, where a 5,000-foot tunnel is to be built. Some trouble has been encountered in Some trouble has been encountered in getting sufficiently large supplies of materials out to the track-end camps and this with the rough weather has made the work drag somewhat. Nearly 200 Japs have been laid off, leaving about 500 still in the camp. Contracts for construction along the line between Deeth, Nev., and Honey Lake, Cal, are to be let about the first of the consing month.

DOUGHTY BUILDER DIES. Henry M. Hamilton Created the P. &

R. and Competition. New York, Jan. 26.—Henry M. Ham-

Brunswick, N. J., a few days ago, was the man who built the Philadelphia & Reading as the result of a fight against the Pennsylvania railroad. At the time the Pennsylvania railroad had a monopoly of the business between New York and Philadelphia, and Mr. Hamilton had an idea that New Jersey ought to have a competing railroad. He began to organize a company to build a road from Bound Brook to Philadelphia to be known as the Delaware & Bound Brook railroad. All the power of the Pennsylvania Railroad company was exerted to defeat Mr. Hamilton, but he succeeded in getting a charter and later he got charters for several other companies, which were consolidated and became known as the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company. The road and became known as the Finiadelphia & Reading Railread company. The road was finished in 1876, and was opened in time for the centennial celebration at Philadelphia. Mr. Hamilton was one of the found-ers of the Iowa State college at Grin-nell.

PAYETTE'S NEW DEPOT. Oregon Short Line Building Hand-

some Pressed Brick Structure.

The Oregon Short Line's new depot at Payette is being hurried to completion and will be ready for occupancy about Feb. 15. The change from present quarters to the new, commodious steam heated structure with adequate accommodations is being looked forward to by the railroad agents and assistants eagerly. The building will cost when all furnished several thousand dollars. Fancy pressed brick and artificial stone are the materials being used. Wide double doors will form the main entrance on Commercial street. The women's waiting room will be on the right of the main entrance, and the men's on the left. The ticket window and other departments face these waiting rooms. Large bay windows and smaller windows furnish the rooms with light. Careful attention has been paid to ventilation. A good electric light service has been installed for lighting the building at night. The Western Union will have an office off the men's waiting room, while Agent Ulery's office will be just off the women's waiting room. A special room has been reserved for the exclusive use of trainmen.

The baggage and express room will be some Pressed Brick Structure.

The baggage and express room will be The baggage and express room will be at the south end of the building. Double doors will face the town and tracks. The central portion of the structure will be two stories high, the top story being planned as a storeroom for files and records. A cement platform 10 feet wide will surround the building, and on the north and east sides of the depot will add to its appearance.

TO ASK FOR HEARING.

Nevada Commercial League Lays Request Before Commissioners.

quest Before Commissioners.

At a meeting of the Nevada Commercial league held the other day it was decided to send John S. Whitson of the publicity bureau to Spokane to request Interstate Commerce Commissioners Lane and Prouty that the commission hold a hearing on freight rates here similar to the one that was held in Spokane last week.

H. J. Darling was appointed a committee of one to secure data, and it was decided to retain Judge Massey to present the city's case. In all probability, the hearing will be held in Renowhile the legislature is still in session at Carson.

FRUIT MEN LOSE SUIT.

Shares in Rate Fight Defeat.

Los Angeles, Jan. 25.—The "Express" says today: "It has just become generally known that the citrus fruit shippers of southern California and the interstate commerce commission have terstate commerce commission have lost their fights in the courts for the reduction of the freight rates on fruit shipments to the east. Several weeks ago," says the "Express," "United States Dist. Atty. Lawler, by direction of the attorney general at Washington, appeared in the federal court here and moved the dismissal of the suit brought by the interstate compresse commission. by the interstate commerce commission against the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroad companies, to compel their observance of the commission's order, cutting the through freight rate on cl-trus fruit shipments from 125 to 110 per hundred pounds. This suit was in-stigated at the behest of the fruitgrowers. Judge Wellborn dismissed the suit, Joseph Call, former counsel for the gov-ernment against these roads, today, in an interview commenting upon the dis-missal of the suit, denounced the Hep-burn law, and the interstate commerce commission in the strongest terms."

WRECK IS CLEARED.

Rio Grande westbound passenge trains are reaching this city this after trains are reaching this city this afternoon 24 hours late. No. 1, two sections
of No. 3 and one No. 5 have been held
up by a wreck at the mouth of the
Royal Gorge. Ten freight cars left the
tracks and, mixing up in bad shape,
tied traffic up completely. The debris
and deralled cars were righted during
the night and trains are again moving
east and west. An A. P. dispatch says
no one was hurt in the wreck.

EXCAVATION COMMENCED.

First Step Taken in Construction of Railroad Exchange.

Local railroad Exchange.

Local railroads will be moving into their brand new quarters in the Railroad Exchange building a year from now. This structure is to be erected by Mary Judge on the corner of Third South and Main streets. The site embraces ground from the alley running to Third South on the west side of the Freed building to the corner and comprises in the neighborhood of 60 feet on prises in the neighborhood of 60 feet on Main street. Drug stores, tea stores, grocery stores and a number of other store buildings which formerly occupied this space have been torn down and a gang of over 100 men and 100 teams are new husy excavating and clearing gang of over 100 men and 100 teams are now busy excavating and clearing away the debris. The walls of the building occupied by Druehl & Franken are still standing, but within a few days there will be nothing left of the old set of buildings. Excavating will be completed within a few weeks and work on the foundation will then be commenced. It is expected all preliminary steps will be finished early in the spring to insure uninterrupted work during the summer on construction. during the summer on construction. The building will be six stories high and will have ample accommodations for all local railroad offices.

SPIKE AND RAIL.

The Southern Pacific is making maps of its lands at various stations along the line. A party of surveyors is now at work at Sparks.

More at Sparae.

More than 5,000 Dunkards will attend the general conference, German Baptist Brethren, to be held at Los Angeles in May. An attractive folder with information for members of the Dunkard church is being distributed by the passenger department of Denver & Rio Grande Railroad company.

S. V. Derrah, assistant general freight agent of the Rio Grande Western, and Manager H. G. Williams of the Utah Fuel company deny the stories told of trains of roal standing on side-tracks between Salt Lake and the coal mines. They point out that Collon and Castle. They point out that Colton and Castle Gate, besides other stations are junc-tion points, where the coal mine tracks leave the main line. In being switched leave the main line. In being switched and made into trains the cars, both loaded and empty, are left on the sidings until they can be moved and because a number of poorly informed passengers saw these cars at the side of the tracks, they have received a wrong impression.

EXTRA SESSION OF NEXT CONGRESS

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR

New Effort Started to Have Caucus of Republicans of House to Consider Its Propriety.

OBJECT IS TARIFF REVISION.

Circulation of Petitions Develops Fact is a Strong Sentiment For it in Middle West.

President Believed to be Back of Move -The Standpatters Will Fight The Proposition.

Chicago, Jan. 26 .- A special to the Record-Herald from Washington says: A new effort was started yesterday to oring about a caucus of Republican members of the house to consider the propriety of an extra session of the next Congress to deal with the question of tariff revision.

Representatives Cooper of Wisconsin and Steenerson of Minnesota have been circulating petitions for a caucus and have disclosed the fact that there is a strong tariff revision sentiment in the middle west. Six petitions altogether are in circulation. Mr. Cooper obtained the signatures of all the 10 Republican members of the Wisconsin delegation except Messrs, Babcock and Minor,

Representative Butler Ames of Boston, a close friend of President Roosevelt, has attempted to develop the sentiment of the house by appealing to members of different state congressional delegations. It is under his general supervision that the petitions are now being circulated.

The signatures of only 50 Republican congressmen are necessary to call a caucus and such progress was made that the revisionists have taken on a spurt of real enthusiasm. The standpatters will fight and declare they can defeat the tariff revisionists in caucus. if a caucus be called for.

PREST. HARRIS PRESIDES AT DRY FARMING CONGRESS.

Denver, Jan. 26 .- Questions pertaining to farming in the semi-arid regions were propounded by interested seekers of information and were anseekers of information and were answered by experts at the final session today of the first annual convention of the Transmissouri Dry Farming congress. President Fisher Harris of Salt Lake City presided. The following executive committee has been named by the delegates from the states and territories represented:

Arizona, G. H. Adams: California. George H. Bixby; Colorado, Prof. W. H. Olin; Idaho, J. Woodmansee; Kansas, Dr. E. R. Nichols; Montana, P. E. Mcss; Nebraska, E. A. Burnett; Nevada, G. H. True; Mexico, J. D. Tinsley; Utah, J. W. Paxman; Washing-

ley; Utah, J. W. Paxman; Washington, R. C. McCroskey; Wyoming, Prof. B. C. Buffum; Washington, D. C., Dr. B. C. Buffum L. J. Briggs. member from Oregon will be

EMPEROR CONGRATULATES CHANCELLOR VON BUELOW.

named later.

Berlin, Jan. 26 .- Emperor William called on Chancellor von Buelow today and congratulated him on the soundness of his judgment in dissolving the ness of his judgment in dissolving the reichstag and appealing to the country on an important question of national policy. The emperor maintained throughout the electoral campaign a position of constitutional reserve. Hadd not attempt by word or act to influence the result; yet he was intensely interested, especially regarding the manner in which the country would treat the colonial question and how the Socialists would emerge from the con-Socialists would emerge from the con-

flict.

After his visit to Von Buelow his majesty took his usual walk in the Tiergarten and then returned to the chancellor's palace to discuss the latest returns. The emperor came out of the palace smiling and in the best of humor. Emperor William will be 48 years old tomorrow, and some one remarked that the country had given him a fine birthday present "in checking the growth of red republican Socialism."

Von Buelow's position with the emperor and the country is regarded as having been greatly fortified. The chancellor probably will be able to go before parliament with a degree of power he had not previously possessed.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE.

June Probably Agreeable to Most of Powers for Time of Reassembling. Washington, Jan. 26 .- It is under-

stood that while Prof. Martens in the course of his talk Thursday with Ambassador Tower in Berlin regarding the reassembling of The Hague congress, did not, in behalf of the Russian government, name any special date for the meeting, it did develop as a result of the conversation that the month of June would probably be agreeable to most of the powers. Seasonably, this is believed to be the best possible month, and while Prof. Martens will continue to sound other European powers to learn if they have any distinct preferences, it is expected that the decision of the exact date will be left to the government of The Netherlands, which must entertain the delegates, and that this government will approve the bassador Tower in Berlin regarding the that this government will approve the selection of June or perhaps July as the month for meeting.

It is stated that so far as the program

is concerned, negotiations which been in progress for the past six me or more have made it clear that fruitless to expect any universal agreement upon the conclusion of other subjects than those mentioned in the original Russian note of 1906 containing the proposal for the second congress. It is stated also that if the program is to be enlarged at all so as to include such subjects as international disarmament or restriction of armament and the consideration of the Drago doctrine, this can only be done by recommendations made by the delegates to their respective governments, probably after the congress has already begun consideration of the original profruitless to expect any universal agree